

Gandhi's grandson to speak at social work symposium

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ASST. SECTION EDITOR

The grandson of nonviolent activist Mohandas K. Gandhi will be the keynote speaker at the School of Social Work's Annual Symposium on April 6. During the symposium, the Gandhi Award will be given to Carol Windrum for her social service and actions.

Arun Gandhi's keynote address will focus on Mohandas Gandhi's principles of service to others and nonviolent protest, according to press releases.

Mohandas Gandhi is recognized in India as the "father of the nation" for his work in civil rights. Through nonviolent protest, Gandhi was able to secure independence for India, which later influenced many revolutions around the world.

Arun Gandhi and Sunanda Gandhi, his wife, are the founders of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in Tennessee.

The UNO School of Social Work Gandhi Award is given to individuals and organizations that represent the ideas and principles of Mohandas Gandhi, including "nonviolence, selfless service and social action," according to press releases.

Those who receive the award have shown "selfless service to society sustained over a period of time, social change through nonviolent measures, creative social action and advocacy on behalf of populations at risk," according to the School of Social

Work's Web site, socialwork.unomaha.edu.

Windrum founded the "Peace with Justice Ministries" under the Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church and is also the director. The organization focuses on "creating a climate of caring dialogue on complex issues," including social justice.

First presented in 1996, the award has been given annually since 1999.

"The day-long Symposium and Gandhi Award Luncheon are opportunities for social work and other human service professionals to learn and celebrate in our collective commitment to social justice," according to the School of Social Work's Web site.

This will be the first time Mohandas Gandhi's grandson will be present during the ceremony, something Theresa Barron-McKeagney, the director of the School of Social Work, said was a "unique and wonderful opportunity to see and hear someone who is dedicated to social activism and justice on every level."

"Having Arun Gandhi with us makes this event even more special to the School of Social Work and UNO," said Barron-McKeagney. "He is an active presenter and participant, and those taking part in the symposium will have a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

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Down the beaten path

A woman walks through Elmwood Park Wednesday evening as the sun sets. Temperatures have been cold all week and are expected to stay frigid throughout the weekend.

smARTix offers smart alternative to buying full price concert tickets Outreach program to hold third annual Women of Wisdom awards

KATIE ZABROCKI
STAFF WRITER

The Holland Performing Arts Center is a world-class performance space with exceptional acoustics that can hold nearly 2,000 patrons in its concert hall. The Orpheum recently underwent a \$10 million renovation to restore its ornate decor and better serve its patrons. Although these projects were expensive, tickets to performances don't have to be.

Omaha Performing Arts now offers smARTix, a subsidized ticket program offered to students with a valid college ID. Tickets that normally range between \$20 to \$40 can now be purchased for a more affordable \$7.

Tickets will become available two weeks prior to the selected performance dates, with 50 tickets

being set aside for each performance depending on availability.

Upcoming performances available for purchase on smARTix, along with their descriptions from ticketomaha.com, include:

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An outreach program housed in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service will honor four women for their successful aging and contributions to the Omaha metropolitan area.

The Program for Women and Successful Aging will present its third annual Women of Wisdom Awards at a luncheon scheduled for April 18. The "Celebrate: Women of Wisdom Because Aging is a Lifetime Event" award ceremony will be held at the Holiday Inn Central, 3321 S. 72nd St., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bestselling author of *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* Lorna Landvik will make a keynote speech at the luncheon. Last year Frances Mayes, author of *Under the Tuscan Sun*, delivered the address.

"PWSA is looking forward to its third

annual 'Celebrate: Women of Wisdom' luncheon after the wonderful response we have had on each of our former events, and we are once again fortunate to have an accomplished writer and humorist, such as Ms. Landvik, take part in our celebration," PWSA Executive Director Patrica Adams said in a statement.

This year's award recipients are Betty Foster, an assistant professor of geriatrics and gerontology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and expert on Alzheimer's disease; Servalia Levels-Johnson, an artist and advocate for the sick and poor; and Joan Marcus, an advocate for disabled citizens.

Patricia Callone will also receive the Shirley Waskel Award for the Advancement of Women for her work in education and dedication to older women. The award is named after

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Book club to meet Wednesday

The UNO Library Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 7, to discuss *Math and the Mona Lisa*, which offers a different view of Leonardo da Vinci's ideas and art.

The discussion of Bulent Atalay's book will be led by Glenn and Joanne Sowell, UNO professors of physics and art respectively, in the Milo Bail Student Center Council Room beginning at noon.

Honors Program hosts blood drive next week

Because one person needs blood every two seconds, the Honors Program will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center.

To sign up to donate blood, visit givelife.org and enter sponsor code 0091871. You can also sign up by contacting Erin Burke at 554-2696 or eburke@mail.unomaha.edu.

Campus invited to participate in general education objectives review

The UNO General Education Review Task Force will host more than 20 facilitated conversations among faculty, staff and students throughout the month of February in a campus-wide effort to review the goals and objectives of the university's general education program.

Participants attending these brainstorming sessions will be asked to use software from the UNO Institute of Collaboration Science to anonymously submit opinions about the knowledge and skills UNO graduates should possess.

The task force was created last fall to determine the overall educational objectives and create assessment tools to improve student learning in the general education program.

The results from these sessions will become the basis for the next steps in the review process. The first two facilitated conversations will take place on Friday, Feb. 2, in the Milo Bail Student Center Gallery Room from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

To register, or for more information, including a complete schedule, visit gened.unomaha.edu or contact task-force co-chairs Deborah Smith-Howell, 554-4849, or Shelton Hendricks, 554-2338.

Free screening of *An Inconvenient Truth* tonight

The Environmental Club at UNO, along with the UNO Environmental Film Cooperative and Campus Climate Challenge, will host a free screening of *An Inconvenient Truth*, the global warming documentary featuring former Vice President Al Gore.

Students, faculty and staff of all four NU campuses are welcome to attend the screening held in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium tonight, Friday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. For more information, visit the Environmental Club's Web site, unomaha.edu/ecuno.

Omaha Symphony offers student discounts

The Omaha Symphony is offering UNO students the opportunity to purchase rush tickets for the Masterworks or Chamber concert series this season.

Rush tickets are \$10, cash only and must be purchased with a MavCard one hour prior to the event at either the Holland Performing Arts Center for the Masterworks concerts or the Strauss Performing Arts Box Office for Chamber concerts.

The next concert is Gustav Holst's "The Planets Beyond Our Universe" and will take place Feb. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

The symphony is also offering a 20 percent discount for UNO students, faculty and staff interested in attending the Pops series concert featuring UNO alumna and jazz musician Karrin Allyson. The discount is available through 5 p.m. on Feb. 14 and is valid for performances on Feb. 16 through 18 at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

To order tickets, visit secure.omahasymphony.org/password/index.asp and enter the code "enote." For more information on Allyson, visit karrin.com. For more information about the discounts, call 342-3560 or visit the symphony online at omahasymphony.org.

Crime Log

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Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007

4:15 p.m. Student reported theft of personal and university property from their vehicle parked in N Lot. Incident occurred between 2:50 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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PWSA's founder, a former UNO gerontology professor who died of lung cancer in 2003.

Callone, the vice president for institutional relations at Creighton University, is the author of two books on caregiving for persons with Alzheimer's, including *Alzheimer's Disease - The Dignity Within*, which was honored by the *American Journal of Nursing* as a "Book of the Year" in the consumer health category.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$40 for the public or \$35 for those ages 60 and above. For more information, contact Yolanda Burgos at 554-4897 or visit pwsa.unomaha.edu.

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The cost to attend the symposium, luncheon included, is \$50 for students and \$100 for non-students. To attend only the luncheon is \$25.

For more information, please contact Ashlie Hurt at 554-3057 or by e-mail at ahurt@mail.unomaha.edu.

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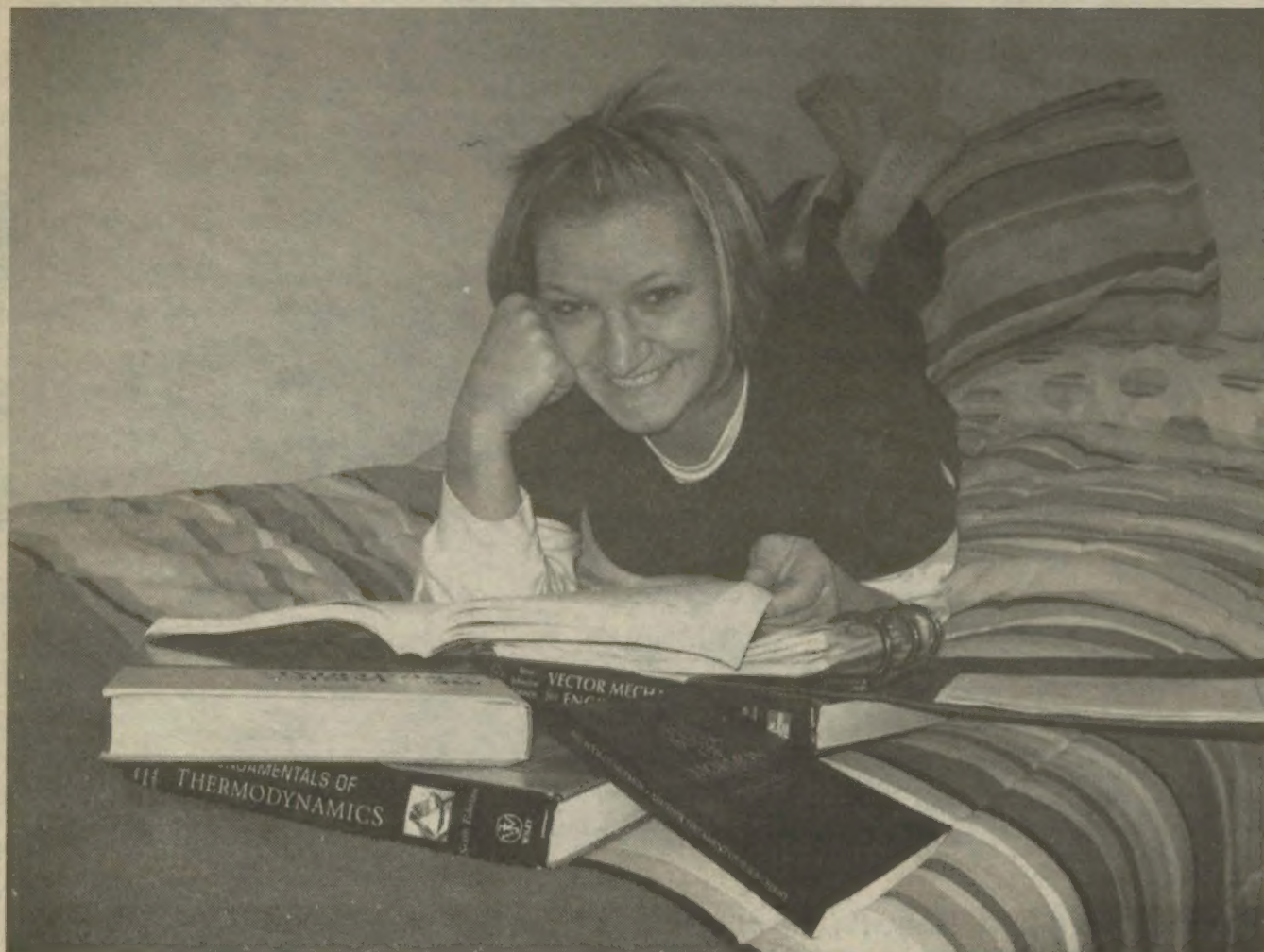


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Student Caitlin Luke said at first it was hard for some of her non-Mormon friends to believe she didn't drink. However, she went on to say, "they really respect me in the end."

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The race for president is already underway. Hillary Clinton, along with other Democratic contenders like Barack Obama and John Edwards, dominate media attention, leaving readers to wonder about the Republican competition.

One such Republican presidential hopeful is Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts. Aside from a lack of front-page publicity, Romney finds himself facing other obstacles. Romney is being criticized because of his religion, according to a *USA Today* article by David E. Campbell and J. Quin Monson.

As a Mormon, Romney's situation harkens to the campaign of John F. Kennedy and the concerns voiced over Kennedy's Catholicism. In the article, Campbell and Monson attributed voter concerns to "the fact that Mormonism is unfamiliar to them; it is natural to be uneasy with the unknown."

We are doing this because it makes us happy. [Mormonism] seems to define you as a person.

With a religion claiming more than 11 million members worldwide, it seems odd that such unfamiliarity is common. Nonetheless, it might be true.

In a recent informal survey, the *Gateway* discovered that some UNO students base their knowledge of Mormons on what they have heard from others or on what they have seen on cable television shows like *South Park* and *Big Love*, leading to misconceptions about the faith. The practices most commonly associated with Mormons are polygamy, abstinence from coffee and tea, and door-to-door proselytizing.

Mormons and polygamy

Mormons, formally called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), did practice polygamy in the early days of the church. The practice began with founder Joseph Smith Jr. and continued with his successors until 1890 when, according to *Mormon.org*, then church president Wilford Woodruff "received a revelation that the

leaders of the church should cease teaching the practice of plural marriage."

Today, any practice of polygamy is strictly prohibited by church leadership. Mark Applegarth, director of the Omaha LDS Institute of Religion, explained that members who are found participating in polygamy are excommunicated from the church. According to *Mormon.org*, current church president, Gordon B. Hinckley, issued the following statement regarding polygamy:

"This church has nothing whatever to do with those practicing polygamy. They are not members of this church ... If any of our members are found to be practicing plural marriage, they are excommunicated, the most serious penalty the church can impose. Not only are those so involved in direct violation of the civil law, they are in violation of the law of this church."

Confusion about the modern practice of polygamy for Mormons stems from the historical practice as well as from splinter fundamentalist sects that broke off from the church early in church history. These groups are not part of the LDS church, but continue to operate independently in parts of the United States and Canada.

No coffee, tea, cigarettes or alcohol

Mormons are not permitted to smoke or drink alcohol, coffee or tea in accordance with their religious doctrine. In 1833, Smith claimed to receive divine revelation and instructions for the health of the LDS people. Known as the "Word of Wisdom," the instructions are part of LDS scripture called the Doctrine and Covenants, which specify that members should not consume these products because of the harm they can cause to the body. Outsiders sometimes find the restrictions difficult to understand, yet members take the rules very seriously.

Caitlin Luke, LDS church member and UNO student, said that some of her non-member friends couldn't believe she didn't drink at first. However, Luke said all she needed to do was provide an explanation.

"They really respect me in the end," she said.

Door to door service

Young men dressed in black slacks, white shirts and black ties going door to door is a sight familiar to many. They are LDS missionaries. Applegarth explained that the

sharing of the "gospel of restoration" is an important part of the LDS church. Traditionally, LDS men serve missions for the church between the ages of 19 to 21, during which they proselytize door to door. Women can also serve, but aren't required.

Typically, men serve two years. Women, however, serve only 18 months and cannot baptize because they do not have priesthood authority in the church.

Luke has two brothers and one sister who have served missions in Puerto Rico, Chile and Germany. Being far away from home in a strange place might be stressful to some, yet Luke's siblings adjusted well.

"They are so busy, there's no time to be homesick," Luke said.

While missionaries are required to focus on their work, they do take time out to keep in touch with loved ones through letter writing and phone calls home on Mother's Day and Christmas.

Mormon belief and controversy

Smith founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1830 in New York, following visitations from heavenly messengers, according to *Mormon.org*. In the first vision, God and Christ told Smith not to join any of the churches that existed at that time. Subsequent visitations included the apostles Peter, James and John who restored the direct priesthood authority of Christ's church to the earth. This restoration is the foundation of the LDS church. Applegarth explained that LDS members believe their church is a restoration and not

a reformation, something that sets Mormons apart from other Christian faiths.

However, the Book of Mormon also sets them apart. Mormons believe the divine scripture was obtained through the translation of golden plates found by Smith through revelation. It contains the history of a people who came to the American continent and were visited by Christ following his resurrection.

"The most spectacular of these is the Mormon belief that indigenous peoples of North and South America are descended from one of the lost tribes of Israel," said Dale Stover, UNO professor of religious studies. "There were other individuals who believed this sort of thing in the colonial period of American history, but Mormon belief in this 'myth' is enshrined in its scripture, the Book of Mormon."

If students wish to learn more about Mormonism through UNO, they can do so in Religion 2400. Mormonism is one of the religions studied in the course.

"Mormonism is a very complex and interesting social and religious movement, which plays an important role in the development of American religious and political history and merits close study," Stover said.

Regardless of the controversy surrounding the religion, one fact remains clear: Active members of the Mormon church are sincere about their beliefs.

To Luke, her religion is not just a place to go on Sunday. "We take our religion very seriously," said Luke. "It is a choice. We are doing this because it makes us happy. It seems to define you as a person."



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View from the top: Three UNO fraternity brothers tackle Mt. Everest

CHARLEY REED
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Every summer, students exchange their textbooks for gas money or airfare to do some summer traveling. Most students visit warm beaches, skyscrapers or national monuments. But three UNO students saved their money and traveled halfway around the world for a trip that changed their lives.

In May of last year, Dave Hospodka, Steve Massara and Brian DeVoss took a month-long trip to Nepal. Massara, a recent graduate and former student government president/regent, proposed the idea to his fellow fraternity members a year earlier.

"I thought, 'What better way to get halfway around the world than with some of my good friends?'" Massara said.

Hospodka, a senior, and DeVoss, also a recent graduate, were the only ones to step up and accept his offer. Or, as Massara put it, became "willing accomplices."

After flying from Omaha to Chicago, the trio took a 15-hour flight to New Delhi, the capital of India. While the group was happy to land safely, being in India had its own set of difficulties, primarily the weather.

"My immediate reaction when we got to the airport was that it was extremely hot," Hospodka said.

Massara added that while they were there, the temperature in India reached 125 degrees or more during the day.

"That was something I'd never experienced before," he said. "It was just incredible heat."

While the group's final destination was Nepal, they managed to spend a few days in India. The highlight of the entire trip for each of the three travelers was traveling to Agra to see the Taj Mahal.

"[The Taj Mahal] is an absolutely gorgeous building," DeVoss said.

"Hands down the most beautiful building I've ever seen in my entire life," Massara agreed. "It just takes your breath away."

After spending the night in Agra, Massara, DeVoss and Hospodka took a 52-hour bus ride to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, located in the Himalayan mountain range. Once there, the three met up with a Sherpa guide and flew into a small village from an army base located in Kathmandu.

There, they began their trek in earnest, with the final goal of reaching up to the base camp of Mount Everest, 18,400 feet above sea level.

For reference, Nebraska is about 1,000 feet above sea level.

Because of the massive altitude change, the group had to hike in four-hour spurts each day.

"Once you get up into the altitude, the oxygen levels start going down," Hospodka explained. "And it gets harder and harder to catch your breath."

It took them nine days to reach Everest's base camp.

"As we got higher and higher there were less and less villages; less and less development," DeVoss explained. "By the time you get to the top you're at one of the highest villages in the world with three buildings and probably six people that live there."

After reaching the highest point, the three students spent the rest of the day enjoying the view from the top, and preparing for the five-day hike back down.

While the trip allowed the three students to do something many of their peers may never get to do in their lifetimes, the most memorable experiences came from the things they weren't expecting to see.

"India is the largest democracy in the world, and I actually saw more discrimination on the basis of the color of Indian skin than I've ever seen in the United States," Massara said.

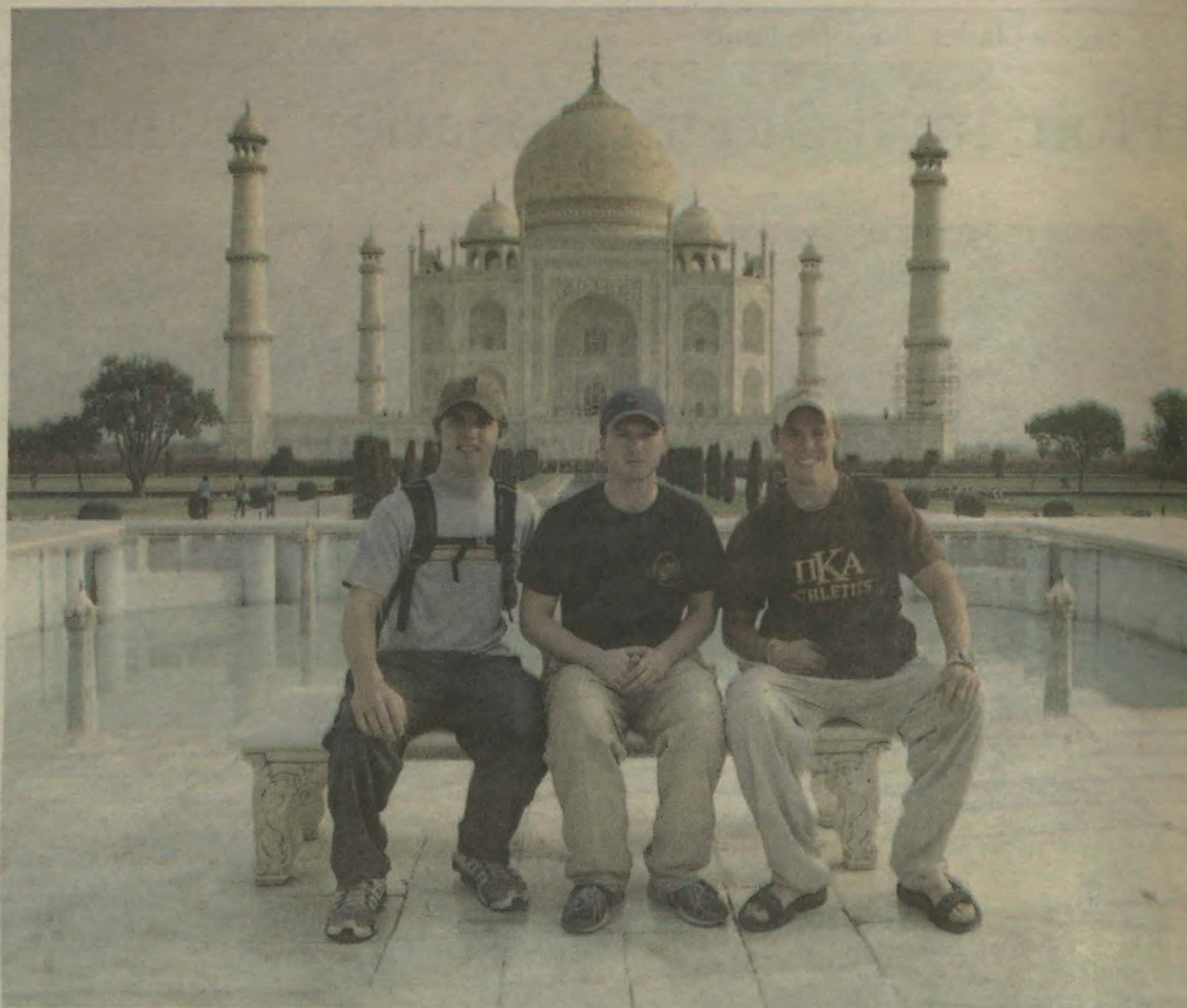


photo courtesy Brian DeVoss

Current student Dave Hospodka, recent graduates Brian DeVoss and Steve Massara traveled halfway around the world to climb Mt. Everest and visit the Taj Mahal last summer.

"I realized how good we have it here in America," DeVoss agreed.

Hospodka said there's nothing you can read that compares to seeing the real thing.

"You absorb the culture and get to know about how they live their lives rather than just reading stuff in a book," he said.

The three travelers were also emphatic about one other lesson the trip taught them that they want their peers to take to heart.

"You'll never have an opportunity to get away for the duration you could in college," Massara said. "If you can, do it when you're young."

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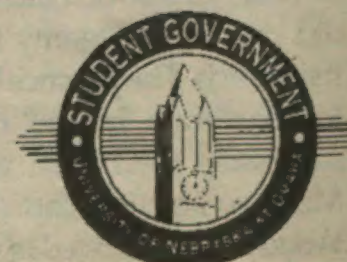
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Wrestling rebounds, looks forward to weekend vs. top-ranked teams

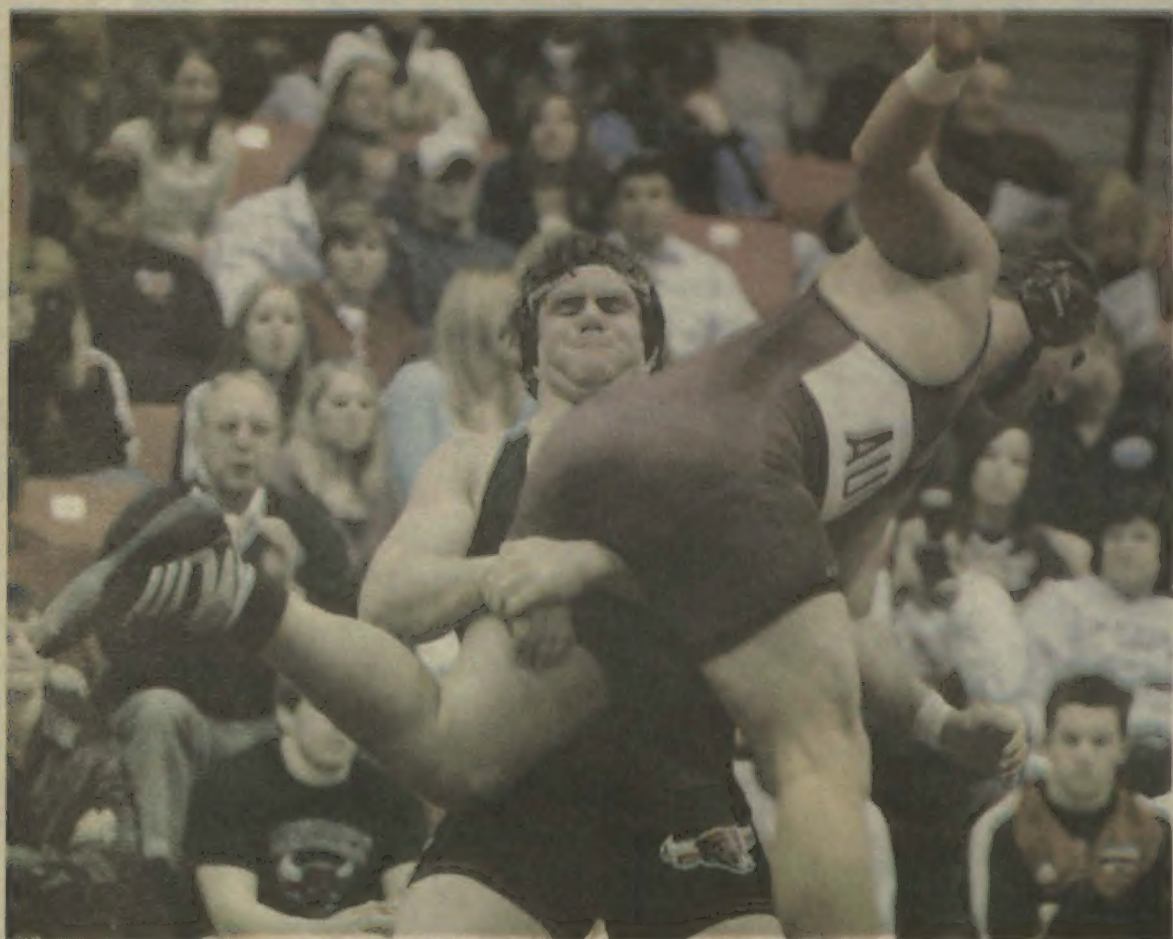


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Tony Lewis hefts Augsburg's Andrew Neumann in the midst of their 285-pound match. Though Lewis won 7-3, the Mavs fell to the Auggies 23-13.

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

After falling 23-13 to Division III No. 1 Augsburg College at home last Friday, the UNO wrestling team traveled a country mile north and steamrolled defending NAIA champion Dana College 26-9 Saturday night in Blair.

But the Mavericks are still only halfway done with their two-week trek through the upper echelons of college wrestling.

UNO, the second-ranked team in Division II, will play host to No. 3 University of Central Oklahoma Friday night at Sapp Fieldhouse before returning Saturday night to take on No. 1 University of Nebraska-Kearney.

"We're calling it 'rivalry weekend,'" said Coach Mike Denney. "It's great for wrestling, it's great for all of our programs. It's the highest level of what we can get to in Division II for our guys."

The weekend will provide the Mavericks with an opportunity to see if

they've truly come all the way back from their second dual loss of the season.

Perennial powerhouse Augsburg used their stacked lower weight lineup, with No. 1-ranked wrestlers at 133, 141, 157 and 165 pounds, to capture five of the first six matches and build an almost insurmountable 17-3 lead over the Mavs.

Sophomore Todd Meneely got the only points for UNO over that stretch, picking up an 11-4 decision over Jared Evans at 149 pounds to run his record to 24-2 on the year.

Senior 174-pounder JD Naig scored a major decision over Robbie Gotreau to keep the Mavs' comeback hopes alive, but in the next match Auggie George Lynaugh pinned UNO freshman Austin Boehm to secure the win.

The Mavericks' red shirt freshman Jacob Marrs, at 197 pounds, and sophomore Tony Lewis, at 285, both won by decision to finish out the match.

"That's the first time, actually in a long time, that we just seemed to be kind of flat, just kind of not as sharp as we normally are," said Denney.

Saturday night at Dana was a different story.

The Vikings did win two of the first three matches to take an early 6-3 lead, but from there the Mavs captured six straight weight classes to cruise to a convincing victory.

Highlighting UNO's run were Meneely, who bagged a 23-7 technical fall over Brian Graham, and Naig, who pinned Josh Ghobadpoor in 3:21.

Boehm, a 184-pounder, got a measure of redemption from the night before when he beat Webster Farris 8-3 for his first career dual victory.

"What we were really proud of them for was the way they bounced back," Denney said of his athletes. "I mean they got that edge back. They were sharp on Saturday night; they got after it."

Remaining sharp is the key to winning this weekend, and given the history between UNO and their opponents, Denney said he thinks his wrestlers are ready for the challenge.

"We've had some great battles with Central Oklahoma for years ... and Kearney, especially here lately," he said. "There's been no love lost."

The Lopers dealt the Mavericks their first dual loss of the season on Jan. 14, pulling out a 20-19 squeaker in the finals of the National Duals tournament.

Adding to the excitement Saturday night will be the alumni, club and high school wrestlers in attendance being honored by the Mavs, not to mention a certain throng of Kearney fans from just down I-80.

"The place will be rockin'," said Denney.

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Wednesday Jan. 24th

Sig Ep A 2-0 vs Sig Ep B 0-2
Pike A vs Lambda chi Alpha B forfeit
Hustlers 2-0 vs Lambda chi Alpha A 0-2

Thursday Jan. 25th

Sigma Kappa 0-2 vs Black Panthers 2-0
Chi Omega 2-0 vs Zeta Tau Alpha 0-2

Sunday Jan. 28th

Power Rangers 0-2 vs Taking you to School 2-0
Thunder 2-0 vs Spike Punch 0-2
Team Bonesaw 2-0 vs Team Jackass 0-2
Team Probation 2-1 vs This Won't take Long 1-2
The Prairie dogs 0-2 vs Ghetto Fabulous 2-0
The Crue forfeit vs Dazed & Confused
The Rock 0-2 vs Schoolies 2-0
Average Joes 0-2 vs The Baka Ama's 2-0
The baka Ama's 2-0 vs Smack That 0-2

5x5 Basketball

Tuesday Jan 23rd

Blue Jays 41 vs 2 Dollar Bill 54
Sig Ep B 41 vs Pike B 44
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Wildcats vs Shockers - Wildcats win due to late registration by the Shockers

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Romans 59 vs Sig Ep A 36

Thursday Jan. 25th

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Basketball

Sunday Jan. 28th

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6x6 Dodgeball

Wednesday Jan. 24th

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Young and relentless: hard work pays off for Maverick goalie



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Freshman goalie Jeremie Dupont has posted a 4-1-1 record in the 2007 season. The youngest player on the Mavs' roster is stepping up his game as the Mavs' head into the last six games of the CCHA regular season.

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Ask head coach Mike Kemp who goaltender Jeremie Dupont reminds him of and he'll say Dan Ellis.

The 18-year-old freshman from Richmond Hill, Ontario, brings the same focus and commitment Kemp saw in Ellis, the Mavs' goalie from 2000 to 2003 who signed a pro contract with the Dallas Stars.

"Where I see the similarities is his focus; he has a tremendous focus on accomplishing what he needs to accomplish and a commitment level that is very Dan Ellis-like," Kemp said.

"I've never been around a young man who worked

any harder than Dan Ellis and Jeremie's got that same kind of focus level, he's just at a different stage of maturity wise. When Ellis came here he was 20 years old and Jeremie Dupont shows up on campus at 17."

Even though Dupont has never watched Ellis play, he says being compared to Ellis, or any player who has moved on to the NHL, is an honor.

While Dupont, at 17 years old when the season started, may be the youngest player to ever suit up for the Mavs, he is accustomed to that role.

"I've always sort of been the youngest on my teams, so I've always had to uplift my game everywhere I go," Dupont said. "As the year progresses, no matter what your

age, you're expected to make a difference, so that's what I'm trying to do now."

Dupont absorbed the passion for hockey from his father, who coached him every year of his career from house league to juniors until now. His father, Jerome, skated six seasons in the NHL for Chicago and Toronto.

"He taught me the passion for the game and a lot of intensity and hard work pays off," Dupont said of his father.

Before coming to UNO, Dupont and current teammate Jeric Agosta played with the Aurora Tigers of the Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League, where Dupont was named to the Ontario Hockey Association top prospect team.

Dupont took the fast-track method and graduated high school in three years to enroll at UNO a year early. So far it has paid off for him and the Mavs as they enter this weekend's Central Collegiate Hockey Association series against Michigan State only three points behind the No. 4 Spartans.

A top-four finish in the CCHA would secure a first round bye and home ice advantage in the CCHA tournament.

On the season Dupont is 9-6-4, but has since stepped up his game, posting a 4-1-1 record with a 1.95 goals-against average and a .929 save percentage in 2007. His efforts this season earned him the CCHA rookie of the week honor twice.

Dupont credits his success to the support and encouragement of his parents, but his dedication to training can't be overlooked. In the summer, Dupont meets with strength and conditioning specialist Raffi Pirjanian for 6:30 a.m. workouts five times a week.

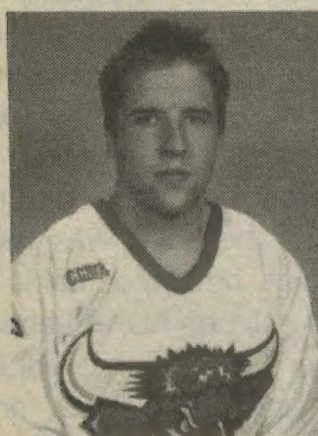
Only time will tell if Dupont can follow in Ellis' path and become another Maverick in the pros, but Kemp is optimistic about the young goalie's future.

"It's unlimited for him; it will be largely dependent on his development over the next couple years," Kemp said. "Certainly he's got the makings of a big-time goaltender who should have a very, very bright future."

Mavs in a minute

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Parse nabs third player of the week honor



Senior Scott Parse was named Central Collegiate Hockey Association offensive player of the week. Parse was honored for his performances in last weekend's sweep over Northern Michigan. Parse, from Portage, Mich., had three assists last Friday in the 5-2 win in the series' opener against the Wildcats, and added two goals and a helper in the 6-1 victory to complete the sweep over Northern Michigan. This is the third weekly honor for Parse this season.

Freerksen picks up honors for role in big wins



Basketball player Ashley Freerksen has been named the Nebraska Division II Player of the Week and North Central Conference Co-Player of the Week for her efforts in UNO's two important victories. A Des Moines, Iowa, native, Freerksen scored a career-high 25 points, adding seven rebounds and three assists, in UNO's 79-71 upset win over No. 8 Augustana.

The senior followed that performance

with a team-leading 17 points in a 71-70 Mavericks win at St. Cloud State. It was Freerksen's second time this season earning the Nebraska POW award.

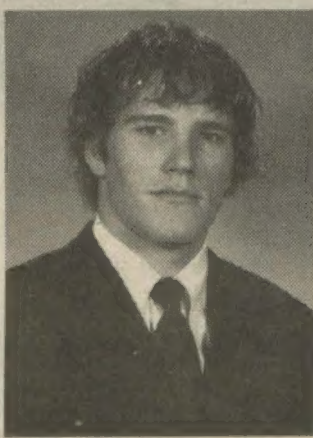
Win, pin garner fourth weekly honor for Naig

J.D. Naig has been named the North Central Conference wrestler of the week for his performances in the Mavericks' two duals last week against Augsburg and Dana. Naig, a senior from Emmetsburg, Iowa, earned a 10-2 major decision over No. 3-ranked Robbie Gotreau of Augsburg and pinned Josh Ghobadpoor of Dana at 3:21.

With the two wins, Naig improved to 33-7 on the season and is currently ranked No. 1 in the nation.

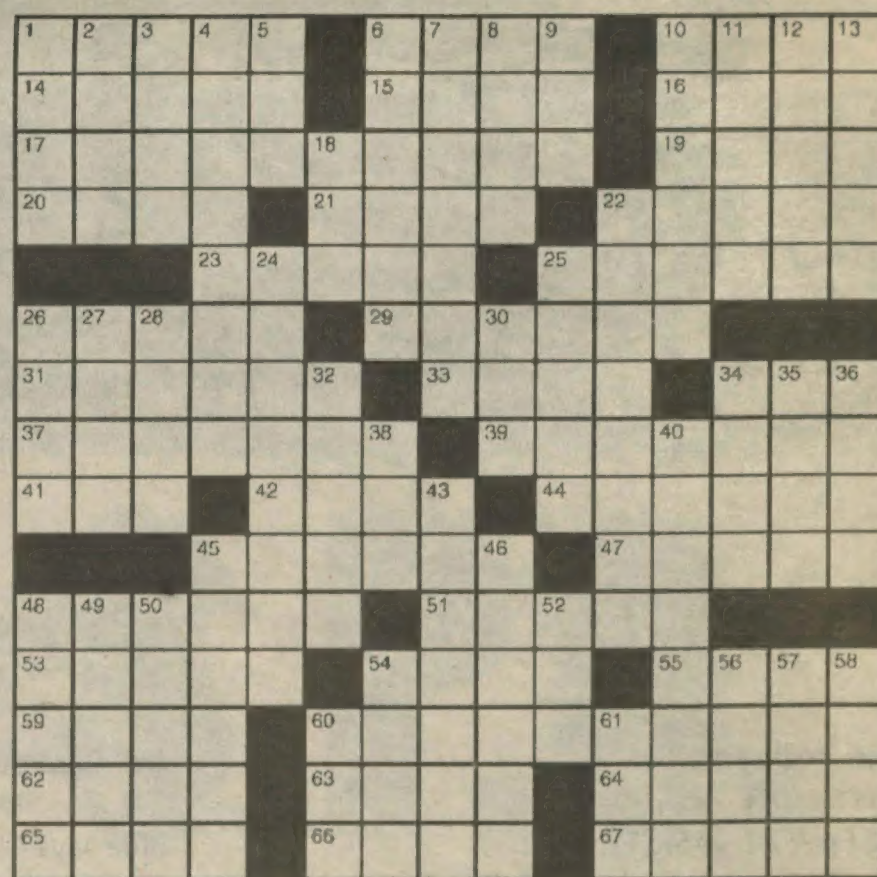
Saka earns athlete of the week award for Adidas Classic performance

Sophomore Pinar Saka has been named the North Central Conference's track athlete of the week for her performance last Saturday in the Adidas Classic in Lincoln. Saka, from Istanbul, Turkey, ran the second-fastest time in school history to win the 400-meter dash. Her mark of 54.95 seconds is the third fastest in NCAA Division II this year and is a provisional qualifying mark for the indoor nationals.



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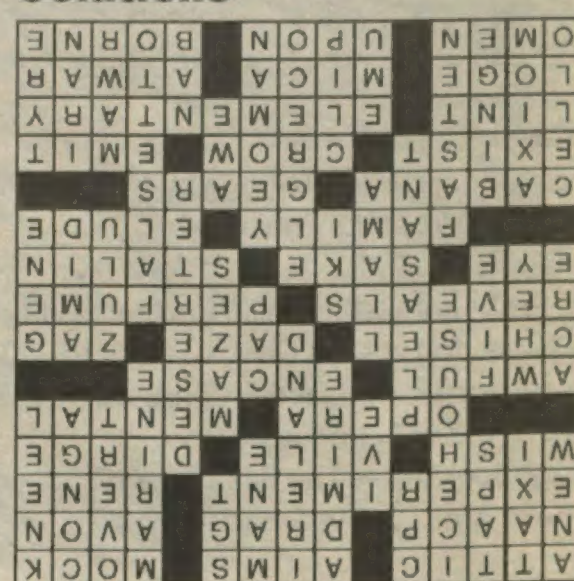
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Spring theater season to showcase wide variety of subjects, talents

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With the fall 2006 semester under its belt, the UNO theatre department looks to follow up unique interpretations on literary classics like *Man of LaMancha* and *Hamlet* with four productions on a wide range of topics.

The first play of the spring semester isn't on the schedule. The Fine Arts University Student Theater group, or FAUST, will be putting on the play *Raised in Captivity*, a dark comedy by Nicky Silver that explores an uncomfortable and dysfunctional family reunion at the funeral of the family matriarch. The FAUST performance is unique because it is put on entirely by students. Sharon Sobel, chair of the department, called it a "a wacky, wacky dark comedy."

Raised in Captivity will be performed Feb. 1 through Feb. 3, with graduate student Abdul Qadir Khan, who some may remember as Hamlet, from UNO's production, is attached as the director. Sobel will also be playing the part of costume designer for the first official play of the season, *Nickel and Dimed*, which starts Feb. 22 and runs until March 3.

The play is written by Joan Holden and based on the Barbara Ehrenreich novel of the same name. Directed by Doug Patterson, it tells the story of an undercover journalist trying to live on minimum wage in America.

Amy Lane, an adjunct professor of theatre, will be directing her first play at UNO when she takes on *Reckless*. Written by Craig Lucas, the play follows two stories centering around a cast of characters whose dark pasts come back to throw

their otherwise normal lives into disarray.

"I think that the message ultimately is what happens to us doesn't define us," Lane said, "but how we deal with the junk that life throws at you - that's what makes you who you are."

The play will run March 29 through March 31 before being taken on the road to Holdrege, Neb. It will be the first time UNO has toured off campus.

Finally, the season will end with a production of *Our Country's Good*, written by Timberlake Wertenbaker and directed by D. Scott Glasser, associate professor of theatre. The play tells the story of the first penal colony in Australia and the first theatre production there, performed by the prisoners.

"It's in a long line of [plays] on how doing theatre; performing can be a very empowering

experience," Glasser explained. "Because you have to work with others and are able to step outside of yourself and be someone else." The production runs from April 12 through April 21.

Sobel encourages everyone to support the UNO students who not only perform in the plays, but also play a major part behind the scenes.

"We've brought them along to the point where they become like our peers," Sobel said. "It would be as if they were research associates with us doing our creative work here on campus."

Tickets for these upcoming productions are available at the UNO box office, which can be reached at 554-2406. Seasonal tickets are also available. More information about the plays can be found at unothatre.com or by contacting Sobel at 554-3630.



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a trail into the 21st century with an energetic sound propelled by exotic rhythms and Bob Mintzer's blistering saxophone."

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